Railway Projects in Bihar

†4775. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway projects under construction in Bihar;

(b) the total amount sent so far on construction work of those projects;

(c) the total funds still required, to complete the ongoing projects; and

(d) the time-schedule fixed by Government to complete such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) 33 Railway projects are currently in progress in Bihar.

(b) Anticipated expenditure on these projects to the end of 2001-02 is approximately Rs. 1239 Crores.

(c) Funds required to complete these projects is approximately Rs. 3879 Crores.

(d) The projects are being implemented as per the availability of resources and their completion will depend on the availability of funds from year to year.

Rail reservation by private agencies

†4776. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have authorised certain private agencies for making rail reservations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government have taken to prevent unauthorised private agencies from making rail reservation; and

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